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## What happens when you die?

### Part 1 Death

Death is inevitable! No one can escape.

We all are going to die?

#### Birth Rate

#### Death Rate

131.4 million births/ year

55.3 million die/ year

360,000 births per day

151,600 die each day

15,000 births each hour

6,316 die each hour

250 births each minute

105 die each minute

Four births/seconds

Nearly 2 die /second

Death is the separation of our souls from our body.

***No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share.***

***No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because Death is very likely the single best invention of Life. It is Life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new.*** *Steve Jobs*

**Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying.** *Martin Luther*

In Hinduism, incarnation refers to its rebirth doctrine, and in its theistic traditions to avatar. Avatar literally means "descent, alight, to make one's appearance", and refers to the embodiment of the essence of a superhuman being or a deity in another form.

According to the karma you will be reborn in higher or lower form in your next birth.

### **What does the bible say about death?**

The body turns to dust, and the breath of life goes back to God.

**Ecclesiastes 12:7**, *Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:20**, *All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust.*

**Genesis 3:19**, *In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."*

**Psalms 104:29**, *You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire And return to their dust.*

The Bible states and compares death to sleep more than fifty times. After death we are asleep, we are unconscious and we are not aware of the passing of time or of what is going on around us. That is what death is like as well.

**Ecclesiastes 9:5**, *For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.*

**Psalms 146:4**, *His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.*

**Psalms 115:17**, *The dead do not praise the Lord, Nor any who go down into silence.*

Jesus said in the parable of rich Fool in **Luke 12:20-21**,  
*“But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’*  
<sup>21</sup> *“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”*

## **Death Is an Enemy**

**2 Corinthians 5:1-8**, *For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, <sup>3</sup>if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup>For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

Death is not really normal or natural even though it is a persistent fact of human history.

Why?

Because man was created by God to be as union of body, soul, and spirit to live forever in fellowship with Him. This is the natural, normal state that God planned for man.

**1 Corinthians 15:25-26**, *For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.*

According to Scripture, death is an enemy, the last enemy to be conquered by God, and as such, it is the result of a cause, the result of sin and the fall of the human race.

### **How is death our enemy?**

1. It separates man from his body
2. It's the result of sin and Satan's attack on man who was created in the image of God to fellowship with Him forever.
3. Death separates us from our loved ones,

Why death?

Death is the result of sin.

**Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Hebrews 9:27**, *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,*

The whole world is subject to death, because all have sinned.

**Romans 5:12**, *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.*

Jesus while He was on the earth He called them as sleeping not as dead.

**Matthew 9:18-26** a girl raised to life after death.

V24-25, *He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.*

Mark 5 Jairus daughter who was dead raised to life.

**Mark 5:39**, *When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."*

John 11 Lazarus death and resurrection

**John 11:11-14**, *These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."<sup>12</sup> Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."<sup>13</sup> However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.*

But the bible does call the person away from the Lord as dead.

The parable of Prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32

**Luke 15:32**, *It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother **was dead** and is alive again, and was lost and is found."*

Separation from God is dead.

God had put eternity in our hearts.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**, *He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.*